

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Your future Medical Officer will be in whole-time Public Health employment, namely to assist in the work of the County Council's Health Department, as well as carrying out the duties of Medical Officer of Health for Gainsborough Urban and Rural Districts. The combined appointment is in accordance with the County Council scheme under the Local Government Act, 1933, and aims at a satisfactory co-ordination of Public Health services in the area.

The late appearance of this report is regrettable, but in the circumstances was unavoidable.

17th December, 1946.

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The Area of the District is 51,104 acres.

The rateable value on 31st March, 1945, was £29,608.

The estimated net product of 1d. rate for the year 1945 was £116/10/7.

Estimated Population—12,460.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births.

WINE STATISTICS.													M.	F.	Total
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	104	103	207
Legitimate	95	94	189
Illegitimate	9	9	18


Still Births.

Legitimate	5	5
Illegitimate	1	1
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Deaths.

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CLASSIFICATION OF CAUSES OF DEATH.

	M	F	Total
Cerebro Spinal Fever	1		1
Respiratory Tuberculosis	1		1
Other forms of Tuberculosis	1	1	2
Syphilitic Diseases	1		1
Cancer of Uterus		1	1
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum ...	1	4	5
Cancer of Breast		2	2
Cancer of all other sites	9	10	19
Diabetes	1	1	2
Intracranial Vascular Lesions ...	14	16	30
Heart Disease	19	24	43
Other Circulatory Diseases	1		1
Bronchitis	2	6	8
Pneumonia	4	2	6
Other respiratory diseases	1	1	2
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum ...	1		1
Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)...	2		2
Other digestive diseases	3	2	5
Nephritis	9	3	12
Other maternal causes		1	1
Premature Birth	4		4
Congenital malformation, etc. ...	1	1	2
Road Traffic accidents	3		3
Other violent causes	4		4
All other causes	7	8	15
	<hr/> 90	<hr/> 83	<hr/> 173

HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SERVICES.

Infectious Diseases.—Cases of infectious diseases requiring isolation are accommodated at the County Council's Isolation Hospital at Brumby, Scunthorpe. When this is not available, accommodation has been obtained at either Gainsborough, Doncaster or Grimsby.

Isolation of smallpox is arranged at Osgodby.

Ambulances are attached to these hospitals for removal of infectious cases.

Tuberculosis.—Facilities for the diagnosis supervision, and treatment of cases of Tuberculosis are provided by the County Council. Clinics are available for this district at either Gainsborough or Scunthorpe. Sanatorium cases are admitted at Branston Hall Sanatorium, Brumby Isolation Hospital and Grimsby Corporation Sanatorium, as well as other Institutions outside the County according to circumstances prevailing.

Maternity and Child Welfare.—This service is also the responsibility of the County Council. There are many facilities such as medical examination and advice at clinics, similar examination and advice at doctor's surgeries or patients' own homes, institutional treatment, services of a consultant, dental treatment, etc. Infant welfare clinics in charge of a County Council lady doctor and a health visitor are held at Epworth, Belton, Crowle, and Keadby. Clinics at Scunthorpe or Gainsborough may also be used.

School Medical Service.—This is administered by the County Council. Each school is visited yearly by the Medical Inspector who medically examines children in certain age groups. The services of specialists are available when required. Other cases requiring treatment are referred to private family doctors.

Venereal Diseases.—The County Council arranges for the diagnosis and treatment of these diseases at clinics held at Gainsborough and Scunthorpe.

Nursing.—There are five nurses in the district who are also certified midwives. In addition there are health visitors, who are highly qualified nurses employed on the County Council Health Services.

Laboratory Facilities.—The Emergency Medical Services Public Health Laboratory at Lincoln is used for bacteriological examinations when necessary.

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following list of diseases was notified during the year 1945.

Diphtheria	3
Broncho-Pneumonia	2
Lobar-Pneumonia	3
Scarlet Fever	26
Whooping Cough	11
Measles	144
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1
Erysipelas	1
Mumps	1

HOUSING.

Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year:—

Total number of Dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	1,221
Number of inspections made for the purpose	1,250
Number of Dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	119
Number of Dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	962
Number of defective Dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Authority or their officers	2
Number of Dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	41
Number of families dwelling therein	41
Number of persons dwelling therein	194

Movable Dwellings, Tents, Vans, etc.

Number inspected during the year	4
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Bakehouses.

Number in the district	7
Number of inspections	3
Contraventions of the Factory Acts	Nil

Slaughterhouses

Number on register	22
Number of Inspections	Nil

Cowsheds.

Number on register	189
Number of Inspections	10
Contraventions of regulations	25 per cent.
Contraventions remedied	3
Number of milch cows in district	750

Dairies and Milk Shops.

Number on register	90
Number of Inspections	7
Contraventions of regulations	30 per cent.
Contraventions remedied	1
Any instance of disease attributed to milk during the year	No

House Refuse.

Number of covered ashpits	40 per cent.
Number of uncovered ashpits	40 per cent.
Number of bins substituted for ashpits	Nil
Number of houses using bins	20 per cent.
Parish of Crowle: Removed by Public Scavenger. Pans and Dustbins weekly; Middens, Ashpits, etc. every two months. Remainder of area by householders as required.	
Number of complaints of non-removal	15
Method of final disposal is by controlled tipping on arable land, gardens, etc.	

Nuisances

Total number of nuisances during the year:—	
(1) Abated as result of informal action by the Sanitary Inspector	15
(2) Reported to Council—Statutory Notice issued	3

Water Supply

Area supplied	all parishes
Quality and quantity	satisfactory
Samples taken at source of supply for analysis every 14 days.	
Number of dwellinghouses supplied from public water mains	3,000
(a) direct to the houses	90 per cent.
(b) by means of stand pipes	10 per cent.
There is no liability to plumbo-solvent action.	

Closets.

Number of houses with privy vaults in district	50 per cent.
Number of houses with pail closets in district	40 per cent.
Number of water closets substituted for dry receptacles	18
Number of houses with water closets in district	290

Drains.

Drains examined, tested, exposed, etc.	to all new buildings
Drains unstopped, repaired, trapped, etc.	15
New soil pipes or ventilating shafts fixed	to all new W.C.'s.

Disinfection.

Rooms disinfected (ordinary infectious diseases)	44
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